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SAN JUAN 9-909 VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM MIAMI 105-22094 *NR* 3P

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ZERO (AN ORGANIZATION), IS - CUBA; EXTORTION — ~~105-261797 NR~~

UNSUB; AKA "ZERO"; JULIO ATON CONSTANZO PALAU; TOMAS GARCIA

FUSTE; ET AL - VICTIMS, EXTORTION.

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RE MIAMI AIRTELS (2), MAY 21, 1974.

*placece in 105-183759  
Claus Tornes Garcia*

ON MAY 21, 1974, MM 1550-KS, WHO IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED

AND IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH LUIS NORBERTO TORNES GARCIA, AKA,

LUIS TORNES, FBI NO. 407 171 E, PUBLISHER OF "IMPACTO", WHICH

CEASED PUBLICATION 2 OR 3 MONTHS AGO, MIAMI, REPORTED THAT LAST

FRIDAY TORNES ADMITTED TO HIM THAT HE HAD SENT 4 "ZERO"

THREATENING LETTERS TO A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TOMAS

GARCIA FUSTE AND MAX LESNICK. *(u)*

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TORNES ALSO DISCLOSED THAT FERNANDO CARRANDI, WHO OPERATES THE AIP PRINTING SHOP, BEACOM BLVD., MIAMI, COLLABORATED WITH TORNES IN THE PREPARATION OF THESE "ZERO" LETTERS. ~~(u)~~

BECAUSE OF COMMENTS MADE BY TORNES, MM 1550-KS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT TORNES WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE MAY 13, 1974 BOMBING OF LESNICK'S OFFICE AT REPLICA PUBLISHING CO. ~~(u)~~

TORNES ALSO STATED THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO CONTINUE WITH THE CAMPAIGN OF SENDING OUT THREATENING LETTERS, BUT HE DID NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITIES OF ANY ADDITIONAL VICTIMS. ~~(u)~~

MM 1550-KS SAID THAT CARRANDI, ACCORDING TO TORNES, HATES LESNICK. ~~(u)~~

MIAMI FILES REFLECT THAT FERNANDO JESUS CARRANDI VALDEZ, AKA, FERNANDO CARRANDI, WAS BORN MAY 10, 1925 AT SANTA CLARA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, CUBA, ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. A 12 410 957, HAVING ARRIVED IN U.S. IN 1961. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1962 TO 1970. u

INFORMATION IN RE AIRTELS REFLECTS THAT TORNES HAD A CONTACT IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO WHO DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF "IMPACTO" FOR TORNES. ~~(u)~~

WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY "EL MUNDO",  
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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, POSTMARKED APRIL 30, 1974, SAN JUAN, MM 1550-KS SUSPECTS THAT TORNES MAY HAVE ENCLOSED THIS LETTER IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO HIS SAN JUAN DISTRIBUTOR FOR REMAILING IN SAN JUAN. (X)(u)

SAN JUAN IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN MIAMI AIRTELS, MAY 21, 1974, WITH SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON ASCERTAINING IDENTITY OF THE "IMPACTO" NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTOR TO WHOM TORNES SENT AS MANY AS 15,000 COPIES ON EACH OCCASION FOR DISTRIBUTION. IF THIS INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY IS ESTABLISHED, OBTAIN NECESSARY IDENTIFYING DATA AND REQUEST FBI LABORATORY TO COMPARE HIS FINGERPRINTS WITH ANY LATENTS DEVELOPED ON "ZERO" LETTERS SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY BY SAN JUAN AND MIAMI. (X)(u)

SAN JUAN ALSO REQUESTED TO SEND MIAMI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE XEROX COPY OF "ZERO" LETTER AND ENVELOPE RECEIVED BY "EL MUNDO" FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES MIAMI. (u)

FBI LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF FERNANDO JESUS CARRANDI VALDEZ, BORN MAY 10, 1925, CUBA, WITH ANY LATENTS DEVELOPED ON "ZERO" LETTERS SUBMITTED BY SAN JUAN AND MIAMI. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. (u)

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